Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 31 of the specification, as shown in the following marked-up version of the paragraph.

Step S41 makes a question whether or not to change the condition on the history of access to each image data by the accessing image user. A search on this condition is possible by means of data stored in user data area 11 in FIG. 2. If the condition on such a user access history is made "OFF" "ON" designating image data that the accessing image user has never accessed, only image data new for the accessing image user are to be searched. Thus, the accessing user can efficiently search the image data with any duplicate access avoided. ON the other hand, if the condition on the user access history is made "ON" designating favorite image data that the accessing image user has marked, the image user can quickly search image data among the favorite ones.